



House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

I am requesting funding for the **Behavioral Health Safe Cars project** in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Children's Health System of Texas, located at 1935 Medical District Drive Dallas, Texas 75235.

The funding would be used to support Safe Cars, which would allow patients to be transported to an appropriate mental health care setting without waiting for ambulance or parent availability. Pediatric psychiatric patients require special transport to ensure their safety and protection from risk of harm to self and others. This request supports installing safety equipment in the vehicles and hiring a skilled team to operate and staff the cars.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Colin Z. Allred

Member of Congress